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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Group Art Unit	3736
Examiner Name	Mallari, Patricia
Title	<i>Devices for Physiological Fluid Sampling and Methods of Using the Same</i>

Sir:

This reply is responsive to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 26, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the amendments and remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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